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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance (hereinafter "Statement") included in the Notice of Allowability dated March 21, 2005 in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Applicants have reviewed the Statement as given on pages 2-3 of the Notice of Allowability. Based on this review, it appears that certain portions of the Statement may be viewed as mischaracterizing the actual limitations of the allowed claims.

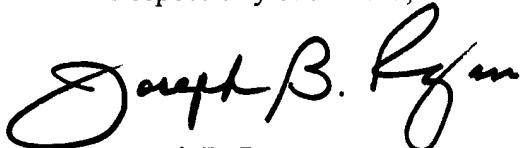
By way of example, the Statement includes, in the last paragraph on page 2, the phrase "particularly in regards to the a [sic] first component and prediction coefficient encoding, as is recited in the claims" In point of fact, the word "encoding" does not appear in any of the independent claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner, in attempting to paraphrase the claimed invention, has introduced language into the Statement that does not accurately reflect the actual claim language.

Applicants further submit that the Statement may characterize the prior art, including the Reudink and Edler references, in a manner which is inconsistent with positions asserted by Applicants in their Appeal Brief and other filed papers.

In summary, Applicants believe that each of the claims is allowable because the particular limitations thereof are not taught or suggested by the art of record. To the extent that the Statement includes language which deviates from the actual language used in the particular limitations of these claims, or language which characterizes the prior art in a manner inconsistent with the positions of Applicants, the Statement is respectfully traversed.

Respectfully submitted,



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